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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION)
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:

Administrative Action

DAVID RESKOF, M.D.

**CONSENT ORDER OF
REVOCATION WITH PREJUDICE**

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY _____)

This matter was first opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board"), upon receipt of a complaint from Dr. Reskof's patient, D.K. An investigation was commenced on behalf of the Board and Dr. Reskof, a Board certified psychiatrist, submitted a written response to the complaint together with treatment records. The Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs conducted interviews with several witnesses. On or about January 25, 2006, accompanied by his attorney, Michael Keating, Esq., Dr. Reskof appeared and provided sworn testimony before a Committee of the Board. During that appearance, Dr. Reskof identified notes, cards and gifts that he had provided to D.K.

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According to D.K., she and Dr. Reskof engaged in a lengthy, sexual relationship during the time that she was the doctor's patient. During this same period of time, he was functioning as an expert witness in a custody dispute arising from her divorce litigation. D.K. substantiated these allegations with e-mails, cards, letters and gifts of a clearly intimate nature which appeared to have come from Dr. Reskof.

In the course of his testimony, and in his written submission to the Board, Dr. Reskof admitted an inappropriate sexual relationship with patient D.K. According to his admissions, the sexual relationship began in or about late 1999 and continued until approximately the end of 2000. Sexual encounters took place in the doctor's office, in a car, and in Ms. D.K.'s home. Although Dr. Reskof's clinical records for the bulk of the time he treated D.K. have not been located by the doctor, it is clear that the treatment relationship extended from the summer of 1999 until in or about the summer of 2001.

In the course of his testimony, Dr. Reskof acknowledged that he had feelings for D.K. He recognized that he should have sought consultation with other professionals and/or terminated the treatment relationship, however, he testified that he had never taken either of those steps. He denied that his reduction in the fee charged to D.K. (\$160 per session prior to January, 2000 and \$145 per session subsequent thereto) was in any way connected to the sexual relationship. Dr. Reskof denies that inappropriate

conduct occurred during treatment sessions but admits that some sexual activities followed office visits.

Although the doctor initially denied sexual contact with any other patient in his practice, he ultimately admitted to a sexual relationship with a patient approximately 25 years ago. That relationship was never made known to the Board, previously.

The doctor expressed remorse for his conduct and acknowledged that his behavior was both wrong and unethical. The Board finds that Dr. Reskof has engaged in multiple violations of the Board's sexual misconduct regulation (N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.3) and thus multiple violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c), (d) and (e). The Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS ON THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH , 2006,

ORDERED:

1. David Reskof, M.D. shall immediately cease practice and surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. Said surrender shall be deemed a revocation with prejudice to any future reapplication.

2. David Reskof, M.D. shall immediately take steps to notify the DEA of the within Order.

3. David Reskof, M.D. shall comply with the Directives applicable to any Medical Board Licensee Who is Disciplined or Whose Surrender of Licensure has been Accepted, attached hereto.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Sindy M. Paul, MD, MPH

By: _____
Sindy Paul, M.D.
President

I have read and understood the
within Order and agree to be
bound by its terms.

David A. Reskof

David Reskof, M.D.

Consented to as to form.

Michael Keating, Esq.
Counsel for David Reskof, M.D.